

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 36 and 37 as presented below.

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Commercially available biodegradable resins were used as the raw materials herein. In this example, the aliphatic polyester type biodegradable resin made by Showa Highpolymer Co., Ltd., and ~~sold~~ sold under the trademark designation of "Bionolle" #1020, including 30% added talc, was used as the talc-containing polybutylene succinate and the polylactic acid type biodegradable resin made by Shimadzu Seisakusho K.K. and sold under the trademark designation of "LACT" #2010 was used as polylactic acid. First, these products in the form of pellets were dried under a reduced pressure at 80°C for four hours. The dried resins were severally processed by the dry blend method using an injection molding device to obtain injection molded slide fasteners, namely the molded fastener A which was formed solely of the talc 30%-containing grade of Bionolle and the molded fastener B which was formed of the talc 30%-containing grade of Bionolle/LACT at a mixing ~~ration~~ ratio of 80/20 (% by weight) or ~~Bionolle/talc/LACT~~ Bionolle/talc/LACT at a mixing ratio of 56/24/20 (% by weight.) (% by weight).

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